

**Small Group Prayer Guide**

Date: **May 24, 2020**

**In lieu of pulpit curriculum this week, we are encouraging you to have a time of prayer together as a small group. Here is a simple prayer guide that you can follow with your group:**

**Scripture Readings:**

Before you pray, have people in your group read these verses out loud to remind one another of the priority and power of prayer:

- 1 John 5:14-15
- James 5:13
- Psalm 4:1
- Psalm 145:18
- Hebrews 4:16

**Prayer Guide:**

Have times of group prayer through each of these prayer items:

1. First, read and pray through Psalm 84. Pray that God would give his people the heart of the psalmist during this time.
2. Spend time in prayer reflecting upon the gospel – that which is of first importance (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Thank the Lord for all that he did for you on the cross of our Christ.
3. Pray for church unity to be preserved and even strengthened during this time in which we haven't been gathering together. Pray that we all would have hearts that are "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," (Ephesians 4:3). Pray that our unity would be found in the gospel itself.
4. Pray for wisdom and unity for the elders as they shepherd the flock and make decisions during this crisis. Pray for wisdom and strength for the staff as they also continue to minister to the church during this time.
5. Pray that the day would come very soon in which we can live out Hebrews 10:25 – *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."*
6. Spend time in prayer for the needs of one another.